

provided funding for research leading to the invention. Claims 1, 17 and 19-24 are canceled, thereby also obviating the objection as to the unnecessary quotation marks around certain terms.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of Claims 2, 7, and 18 if amended into independent form appreciated. Claim 2 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of the canceled base Claim 1. Claim 7 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of the canceled base Claim 1 and intervening Claims 5 and 6. Claim 18 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of the canceled base Claim 1 and intervening Claim 17. Claims 3-6 are made dependent on amended Claim 2, Claims 8-11 remain dependent on amended Claim 7, and Claims 12-16 are made dependent on amended Claim 2. No new matter is deemed to have been added by this amendment.

In summary, Claims 2-16 and 18 are deemed to be in condition for allowance, and it is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued therefor upon reconsideration.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

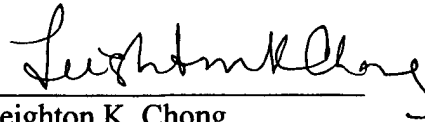
Applicant hereby request a two-month extension of time for response to the Examiner's action, i.e., until February 27, 2006. Our credit card authorization to charge \$225.00 for the required extension fee (small entity) is enclosed.

This response is filed with a certificate of mailing within the time allowed for response, and with total and independent claims after amendment numbering within the limits originally paid for with the filing fee. However, if any fees are deemed to be due for acceptance of this response, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 501198.

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The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is being mailed on , by depositing it with the U.S. Postal Service, first class postage paid, addressed to: Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Respectfully submitted,
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